

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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In the Claims:

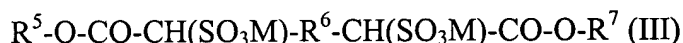
Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (Previously presented)

15. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, which comprises, as component b), one or more sulfonylureas.

Claim 16 (Previously presented)

16. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, which comprises, as component a), one or more compounds from the group consisting of the gemini surfactants of the formula



in which

R^5, R^7 independently of one another are identical or different and are branched or straight-chain saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radicals having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,

R^6 is a spacer of a straight-chain or branched chain having 2 to 100 carbon atoms which contains 0 to 20 oxygen atoms, 0 to 4 sulfur atoms and/or 0 to 3 phosphorus atoms and which has 0 to 20 functional side groups and which contains 0 to 100 alkoxy groups,

A,B independently of one another are identical or different and are polyalkylene oxide radicals having a terminal OH, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, carboxyethyl, carboxymethyl, sulfonic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid or betaine grouping, and

M is a cation.

Claim 17 (Previously presented)

17. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30 which comprises, as component a), one or more compounds from the group of the sulfosuccinates of the formula (I)



in which

R^1, R^2 independently of one another are identical or different and are H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radicals or (poly)alkylene oxide adducts,
 R^3 is a cation and
 X, Y independently of one another are identical or different and are O or NR^4 , where
 R^4 is H, a substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radical, dicarboxyethyl or a (poly)alkylene oxide adduct.

Claim 18 (Previously presented)

18. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, comprising, as component b), one or more active compounds from the group of the ALS inhibitors in combination with one or more agrochemicals which are different from ALS inhibitors.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously presented)

20. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 31, wherein the ALS inhibitor is a sulfonylurea.

Claim 21 (Previously presented)

21. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, comprising

- from 0.1 to 80% by weight of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of gemini surfactants and sulfosuccinates
- from 0.0001 to 50% by weight of one or more active compounds from the group of the ALS inhibitors,
- from 0 to 60% by weight of additional surfactants and/or polymers,
- from 0 to 90% by weight of organic solvents,
- from 0 to 50% by weight of agrochemicals which are different from ALS inhibitors,
- from 0 to 20% by weight of customary formulation auxiliaries and/or
- from 0 to 50% by weight of water.

Claim 22 (Previously presented)

22. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 21 wherein the ALS inhibitor is a sulfonylurea.

Claim 23 (Previously presented)

23. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, comprising
- a) from 0 to 60% by weight of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting gemini surfactants and sulfosuccinates,
 - b) from 1 to 15% by weight of one or more active compounds from the group of the ALS inhibitors,
 - c) from 0 to 50% by weight of additional surfactants and/or polymers,
 - d) from 0 to 30% by weight of organic solvents,
 - e) from 0 to 50% by weight of agrochemicals which are different from ALS inhibitors and/or
 - f) from 0 to 10% by weight of customary formulation auxiliaries.

Claim 24 (Previously presented)

24. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 23 wherein the ALS inhibitor is a sulfonylurea.

Claim 25 (Previously presented)

25. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30, the form of a solution, dispersion or an emulsion concentrate.

Claims 26 and 27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Previously presented)

28. A method for controlling undesirable vegetation, which comprises applying an effective amount of a formulation as claimed in claim 30, if required, after dilution with water, to the seeds, plants, parts of plants or the area under cultivation.

Claim 29 (Previously presented)

29. The liquid formulation according to claim 30, wherein the component a) is sodium di-(2-ethylhexyl)sulfosuccinate) and the ALS inhibitor is iodosulfuron-methyl or its sodium salt.

Claim 30 (Previously presented)

30. A liquid formulation which comprises
- a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of
 - sulfusuccinate of the formula (I)
 - $$R^1-X-CO-CH_2-CH(SO_3R^3)-CO-Y-R^2 \text{ (I)}$$

in which

R^1, R^2 independently of one another are identical or different and are H, substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radicals or (poly)alkylene oxide adducts,

R^3 is a cation and

X,Y independently of one another are identical or different and are O or NR^4 , where

R^4 is H, a substituted or unsubstituted C_1 - C_{30} -hydrocarbon radical, dicarboxyethyl or a (poly)alkylene oxide adduct;

- gemini surfactants of the formula (II)

R^5 -CO-NA- R^6 -NB-CO-O- R^7 (II); and

- gemini surfactants of the formula (III)

R^5 -O-CO-CH(SO₃M)- R^6 -CH(SO₃M)-CO-O- R^7 (III)

in which

R^5, R^7 independently of one another are identical or different and are branched or straight-chain saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon radicals having 1 to 30 carbon atoms,

R^6 is a spacer of a straight-chain or branched chain having 2 to 100 carbon atoms which contains 0 to 20 oxygen atoms, 0 to 4 sulfur atoms and/or 0 to 3 phosphorus atoms and which has 0 to 20 functional side groups and which contains 0 to 100 alkoxy groups,

A,B independently of one another are identical or different and are polyalkylene oxide radicals having a terminal OH, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, carboxyethyl, carboxymethyl, sulfonic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid or betaine grouping, and

M is a cation; and

- b) one or more active compounds from the group of ALS inhibitors in dissolved form.

Claim 31 (Previously presented)

31. The liquid formulation as claimed in claim 30 which further comprises one or more components selected from the group consisting of
- a) additional surfactants and/or polymers,
 - b) organic solvents,
 - c) agrochemicals which are different from ALS inhibitors,
 - d) customary formulation auxiliaries,
 - e) tank mix components, and/or
 - f) water.

Claim 32 (Currently amended)

32. The liquid formulation of claim 30 which comprises as component b) one or more sulfonamides and further comprises c) an organic solvent.